Pesticides residue in packaged drinking water

1685. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to extend stiffer European norms on pesticides residue in packaged drinking water to carbonated water, soft drinks and soda water;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how this decision is proposed to be implemented throughout the country where small scale producers are marketing carbonated water in villages and small towns?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) The PFA Rules, 1955 has been amended w'de GSR 451(E) dated 15.7.2004 whereby it has been made mandatory that water used in the manufacture of "Carbonated water" as defined under PFA Rules, 1955 shall conform to the standards prescribed for packaged drinking water under PFA Rules, 1955.

(c) The licence to manufacture carbonated water is issued by the Ministry of Food Processing Industries under Food Products Order, 1955. The quality of "Water" used in the manufacture of carbonated water is required to be monitored at the manufacturers/bottlers level by the concerned licencing authorities of Ministry of Food Processing Industries, under Food Product Order, 1955 as well as the Food and Health authorities of the State/Union Territories.

Changes and modifications in the family planning strategy

1686. DR. AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have lately reviewed and revised the family welfare strategy of the country, in view of the census figures 2001; and

(b) if so, what major changes and modifications brought about in the family planning strategy and the details of the revised strategy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) Census

figures for 2001 indicates that average annual rate of growth of population has come down to 1.93 for the period 1991-2001 as compared to 2.14 for the period 1981-91. Thus the Government aims to continue its strategy of voluntary approach to Family Planning with increased access to quality family planning services.

Medical facilities as fundamental rights

1687. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under the consideration of the Government to include right to medical facilities in the fundamental rights;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which a decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKALAKSHMI): (a) No.Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Rural Health Schemes in Kerala

1688. SHRIABDULWAHABPEEVEE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government provide funds to the voluntary organizations engaged in Family Welfare Programmes and Rural Health Care Schemes in Kerala; and

(b) if so, the assistance provided to various NGO's in Kerala during the last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKALAKSHMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The funds are released to NGOs in Kerala State under MNGO Scheme under RCH Programme and Support to Gender Issues. Astatement of funds released during the last three years is given in the enclosed Statement.